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SUBJECT: INVITATION BY US TO HOST INTERNATIONAL  
COMMISSION FOR NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES  
(ICNAF) PANEL 5 MEETING

FOR USDEL TO LOS

1. THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF ICNAF IN HALIFAX  
ENDED WITH US OBJECTIVES MET, BUT ONLY THROUGH A LAST MIN-  
UTE COMPROMISE IN WHICH DECISIONS WERE DEFERRED ON CERTAIN  
TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS WHICH  
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WERE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE US HADDOCK AND YELLOWTAIL

FLOUNDER FISHERMEN. MOST CRITICAL US OBJECTIVE WAS TO PROVIDE URGENTLY REQUIRED PROTECTION OF GROUND FISH STOCKS OFF US NORTHEAST AND MIDDLE ATLANTIC COAST PARTICULARLY FOR YELLOWTAIL FLOUNDER. SINCE VIRTUAL ELIMINATION COMMERCIAL HADDOCK FISHERIES DUE LARGELY TO OVER EXPLOITATION BY FOREIGN NATIONS, YELLOWTAIL FLOUNDER STOCKS NOW SUPPORT MOST VALUABLE TRAWL FISHERY IN NEW ENGLAND. ALTHOUGH USDEL UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM INDUSTRY TO CONCLUDE FAVORABLE AGREEMENT, A NUMBER OF ISSUES COULD NOT BE RESOLVED AT HALIFAX MEETING.

2. IN ORDER TO FORESTALL RENEWED PRESSURES BY INDUSTRY FOR CONGRESSIONAL MOVE TOWARD ENACTMENT 200 MILE FISHERIES

LEGISLATION USDEL, NOT HAVING TIME TO CONSULT DEPARTMENT, ISSUED INVITATION TO ICNAF'S PANEL 5 (BULGARIA, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, GDR, ITALY, JAPAN, POLAND, ROMANIA, SPAIN, USSR, AND U.S.; FOLLOWING OBSERVERS MIGHT ALSO ATTEND: FAO, EEC, AND CUBA.) TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION AT A SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULED TO MEET IN US THIS FALL PROBABLY IN NOVEMBER IN MIAMI. RATIONALE FOR INVITATION BASED ON FACT THAT ICNAF WOULD NOT MEET AGAIN UNTIL 1975 - TOO LATE, EVEN IF AGREEMENT REACHED, TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS CONTROLLING SIZE OF VESSELS UTILIZING BOTTOM TRAWLING GEAR IN TIME TO HAVE ANY IMPACT DURING 1975 FISHING YEAR. USDEL ARGUED ON OTHER HAND, THAT IF AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, REGULATIONS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED AT BEGINNING OF 1975 FISHING YEAR. THIS EXTRA EFFORT BY USDEL MOLLIFIED US INDUSTRY TO DEGREE THAT NORTHEAST ATLANTIC FISHING INDUSTRY UNLIKELY TO INCREASE PRESSURES FOR CONGRESSIONAL MOVE ON 200 MILE LEGISLATION.

3. IN LIGHT OF NEXUS BETWEEN LOS, ICNAF AND 200 MILE LEGISLATION DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF USDEL ON NOVEMBER ICNAF MEETING OF PANEL 5. WE ARE OF OPINION THAT TO DO OTHER THAN HONOR THE INVITATION EXTENDED BY US ICNAF DEL FOR SPECIAL MEETING WOULD CREATE NEW SET OF PROBLEMS. SISCO

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